



MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2013 – 12:00 Noon

Commission Members in attendance

Don Purcell, Chairman
Stuart Hope, Treasurer
Russell Goudelock, Esquire
Peter Mayers
John Dean

Richland County Staff in attendance

Greg Pearce, Richland County Council Liaison
Torrey Rush, Richland County Council
Seth Rose, Richland County Council
Chris Eversmann, PE, CM, Airport Director
Terry Wise, Administrative Assistant

Visitors in attendance

Maj Walter Hummel, SCANG, Air Traffic Manager, 245 ATCS/ATC McEntire JNGB, SC
Pat Gilmartin, HRH Neighborhood
Joe Barkevich, AICP, WK Dickson
Dennis Wiehl, AIA, Mead & Hunt
Paul Bass, Eagle Aviation

Welcome, Call to Order, and Invocation

Chairman Purcell called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and called for the invocation. The invocation was delivered by **Commissioner Goudelock**.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Purcell presented the minutes of the March 11, 2013 Airport Commission meeting for approval. **Chairman Purcell** made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, **Commissioner Goudelock** seconded, and all approved.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Purcell presented the agenda as circulated. **Chairman Purcell** made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, **Commissioner Hope** seconded, and all approved.

Presentation – **Chris Eversmann** introduced **Major Walter Hummel** who is with the McEntire Joint National Guard Base. He is a 1995 graduate of the University of South Carolina. He was previously assigned to Myrtle Beach Air Force Base and has 13 years as an enlisted Air Traffic Controller. **Major Hummel** gave a PowerPoint Presentation which included images of the base and runway. The various based aircraft include 26 – F-16s’ and over 50 helicopters. Roughly 2,000 people are working on base during a typical Reserve Drill Weekend. There are 300 full time personnel within the Air Force organization and approximately 250 in the Army organization. The 169th Fighting Wing is the largest Air Force unit while the Army organization is made up of ten smaller units on the base. He briefed air traffic control radar systems and the “suppression of enemy air defense” (SEAD) mission as well. There are 88 Air National Guard Wings and ten Air Traffic Control Squadrons in the entire Nation. McEntire has the ability to deploy an entire aviation package for a 120 day period. Participation by most personnel in unit deployments is voluntary.

Report of Items for Executive Session

Chairman Purcell made a motion to defer the executive session until the end of the meeting.

Officers’ Reports

Chairman’s Report – The SC Aviation Association is launching the “Passport Awards” program. Participants must have an official SCAA Ambassadors Passport to participate.

Vice Chairman’s Report – No report

Secretary’s Report – No report

Treasurer’s Report – 83% through our fiscal year, 84% of the airport operating budget has been spent. Discretionary spending is being closely monitored.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – No report

Marketing Committee – Coordinating Economic Development meeting.

Operations Committee – No report (included in Airport Director report)

Airport Director’s Report

Airport News: “Columbia’s Curtiss-Wright Hanger sale still held up” *The State*, Apr 18, 2013

Meetings, Events, and Visits

Mar 12 – Webinar

Mar 18 – 20 – FAA Eastern Region Airport Conference, Hershey, PA

Mar 19 – Presentation “Everybody’s got a FOD Problem”

Richland County Airport Commission
Jim Hamilton – LB Owens Airport (CUB)
Columbia, South Carolina

Mar 22 – SCASC Safety Fly-In, CAE, SCAC Hangar
Apr 2 – National Aviation Week coordination meeting
Apr 22 – RC LOMR (Letter of Map Revision) coordination meeting
Apr 23 – Video display repair meeting
Apr 25 – NaturChem coordination meeting
Apr 25 – Hanger Lease Review meeting
Apr 29 – AAAE Accreditation telcon
May 2 – CWH Contract
May 9 – Airport Insurance review meeting

Children’s group visits:

- 12 Mar
- 27 Mar
- 28 Mar
- 26 Apr

Adult group visits:

- None during this period

AIP Project Updates

→ Airspace tree penetration removal, all payments have been made the project is complete.

→ Property acquisition

- 0.25 acre required for extension of Taxiway ‘A’ – ongoing
- 6 acres fronting Plowden Road
 - \$112,000 appraisals
 - \$3,000 earnest payment
 - Administrative Settlement
 - AIP Grant-019

→ Taxiway ‘A’ extension and SE airfield grading and drainage improvements

- LOMR
- Permitting
- 60% Design

On site meeting with ATL ADO staff on 05/14/13

Budget and Finance

Operating Budget status (Apr 30, 2013 – 83% of the FY completed):

- Personnel – 80% expended
- Operations – 82% expended
- Electricity – 82% expended
- Water & Sewer – 93% expended

- Capital – 98% expended
- Overall – 84% expended

Eagle Aviation

Fuel sales were down
Hangar Occupancy – Full
Ramp Fees collected – \$335 in March / \$155 in April

Airport Metrics

Aircraft Complaints – There were six (6) Aircraft complaints during the period of March 1, 2013 – April 30, 2013

3 – Mar / 3 – Apr

2 – Sun / 1 – Tue / 1 – Wed / 1 – Thu / 1 – Sat

Facilities & Grounds Maintenance Requests -

There were 17 Maintenance Requests during the period of Mar 1 – Apr 30, 2013.

82% - airside / 6% - terminal / 12% - landside

41% - electrical work / 65% - hangar related

Other Items

Curtiss-Wright Hangar

- Contract negotiated
- Ordinance required (three readings and public hearing)
- Process begins at May 21, 2013 County Council Meeting
- FAA Land Release authorization

- 10,000th EAA-242 Young Eagle Flight!
- Possible Sequestration impact
- National Aviation Week, Aug 18 – 24, 2013
- ATL ADO staff visit

County Liaison's Report

Councilman Pearce mentioned the start of “budget season” for Richland County

Councilman Pearce also stated to the committee that the two US Army Shorts 330 aircraft being tied down at the airport are a security related matter involving the RCSD. **Commissioner John Dean** and **Commissioner Pete Mayers** stated that the community has questions regarding the aircraft, and suggest that the Sheriff answer questions regarding the aircraft publicly.

Councilman Pearce reminded the Commissioners that the Sheriff is an elected official and he does not answer to the Richland County Council. Councilman Rose reiterated that fact, but did say he would make the Sheriff aware of the concerns of the community.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

On motion by **Chairman Purcell**, the Commission will enter executive session.

The executive session was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.